

**Offertory Hymn**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

ELW # 659

**Prayers of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*Bind Us Together*

*Insert*

**Sending:**

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

**C: Thanks Be to God!**

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***Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!***

*“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”*

**Sunday, May 12, 2024; 9:30 am**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Sharing of the Peace/Invocation**

**Call to Worship**

L: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

**C: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.**

L: Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

**C: We live in that love and seek to serve God.**

L: Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

**C: May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. AMEN.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives*

ELW #380 (vs. 1,3,5)

**Prayer of the Day (All)**

**Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**First Lesson**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Susan Kruse

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this

ministry.”<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”<sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”<sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### Special Music

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Adult Choir

### Second Lesson

1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony; the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### Alleluia Verse

*More Precious than Silver*

(See Below)

Lord, You are more precious than silver.

Lord, You are more costly than gold.

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds

And nothing I desire compares with You.

*(repeat)*

### Gospel

John 17:6-19

(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect

them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

### Children’s Sermon

Beth Flier

### Sermon

“Pray and Then Roll The Dice”

Pastor Greg Johnson

### Hymn of the Day

*We Are One in the Spirit*

*Insert*

### Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Offering** *(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*

